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## FORM 4

## UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

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## STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person <sup>*</sup> <u>Yoder Stephen S.</u>			2. Issuer Name <b>and</b> Ticker or Trading Symbol <b><u>PIERIS PHARMACEUTICALS, INC.</u></b> [ PIRS	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)							
				X	Director	10% Owner					
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	1	x	Officer (give title below)	Other (specify below)					
C/O PIERIS PHARMACEUTICALS, INC.			3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 02/23/2016	Chief Executive Officer							
255 STATE STREET, 9TH FLOOR		LOOR									
			4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable							
(Street) BOSTON	MA	02109		Line) X	Form filed by One Rep Form filed by More that	5					
(City)	(State)	(Zip)			Person						
Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned											

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) 8) 3. Transaction Code (Instr						Securities	(D) or Indirect	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	v	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price	Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)		(

Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities) 1. Title of Derivative Security 8. Price of Derivative Security 3. Transaction 3A. Deemed 5. Number of 6. Date Exercisable and 7. Title and Amount 9. Number of 10. 11. Nature 2 4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) Ownership Form: Execution Date, if any Conversion Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) of Securities Underlying Date Derivative derivative of Indirect (Month/Day/Year) Beneficial or Exercise Securities Securities Price of Derivative Acquired (A) or Disposed Derivative Sec (Instr. 3 and 4) Beneficially Owned Ownership (Instr. 4) (Instr. 3) (Month/Day/Year) Security (Instr. 5) Direct (D) or Indirect Security of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) Following (I) (Instr. 4) Reported Transaction(s) Amount (Instr. 4) Number Expiration Date Code v (A) (D) Exercisable Date Title of Shares Stock

(1)

Explanation of Responses:

\$1.<mark>9</mark>9

Option

buy)

(Right to

1. The option vests as to 25% of the option shares on January 1, 2018 and vests as to an additional 6.25% of the option shares at the end of each successive three-month period thereafter.

434,350

## <u>/s/ Marc D. Mantell, Attorney-</u> in-fact <u>03/</u>

03/06/2017

Date

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\*\* Signature of Reporting Person

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\$0.00

Common

Stock

02/23/2027

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

\* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4 (b)(v).

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